

B-3374 - B-3382

1837-1854

1001-1039 Light St. (East side)

Baltimore, Md.

Private access

A large portion of the east side of the 1000 block of Light St. was originally improved with a row of two and a half story, late Federal style brick houses built by John S. Gittings and others in the late 1830's and early 1840's. Of these houses only 1003 and 1005 Light St. survive in their original exterior form, with 1027-1029 Light St. retaining their original two story height, but minus their original dormer windows. 1001 and 1025 Light St. are now three story, three bay wide brick commercial/residential structures with shed roofs and bracketed cornices; 1007 and 1009 Light St. are three story, two bay wide brick houses with shed roofs and bracketed cornices. A number of the early houses on this block have been replaced by modern, one story high commercial structures. The southern portion of the block was originally improved with a row of three story, gable-roofed houses in the early 1850's, of which only 1031 Light St. survives in its original form. 1033 and 1037-1039 Light St. have had their gable roofs rebuilt as shed roofs with bracketed cornices added. The first floor areas of all of these later houses have been converted to modern storefronts.

# MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

### 1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

### 2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1031-1033 Light St.

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

### 3 CLASSIFICATION

#### CATEGORY

\_\_\_DISTRICT

☒BUILDING(S)

\_\_\_STRUCTURE

\_\_\_SITE

\_\_\_OBJECT

#### OWNERSHIP

\_\_\_PUBLIC

☒PRIVATE

\_\_\_BOTH

#### PUBLIC ACQUISITION

\_\_\_IN PROCESS

\_\_\_BEING CONSIDERED

#### STATUS

☒OCCUPIED

\_\_\_UNOCCUPIED

\_\_\_WORK IN PROGRESS

#### ACCESSIBLE

☒YES: RESTRICTED

\_\_\_YES: UNRESTRICTED

\_\_\_NO

#### PRESENT USE

\_\_\_AGRICULTURE

\_\_\_MUSEUM

☒COMMERCIAL

\_\_\_PARK

\_\_\_EDUCATIONAL

☒PRIVATE RESIDENCE

\_\_\_ENTERTAINMENT

\_\_\_RELIGIOUS

\_\_\_GOVERNMENT

\_\_\_SCIENTIFIC

\_\_\_INDUSTRIAL

\_\_\_TRANSPORTATION

\_\_\_MILITARY

\_\_\_OTHER:

### 4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

### 5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Records Office Room 601

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Baltimore City Courthouse

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

STATE

Maryland 21202

### 6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

\_\_\_FEDERAL \_\_\_STATE \_\_\_COUNTY \_\_\_LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

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**CONDITION**

☐ EXCELLENT  
☒ GOOD  
☐ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ RUINS  
☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED DATE \_\_\_\_\_

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**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

This pair of three story, two bay brick house with gable roofs was built in the 1850's and formed part of a group of such houses extending along this side of Light St. 1033 Light St. has been remodeled so as to give the appearance of a shed-roofed building and has a metal cornice. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts.

The houses are three stories in height, about 14 1/2' wide, and occupy lots 75' deep. 1031 Light St. has a three story high, one bay wide and deep stair hall extension which connects the main house to a two and a half story high, six bay deep rear addition, followed by a one story high, two bay deep addition. 1033 Light St. has a two story high, five bay deep rear addition. The houses are constructed in running bond. The low-pitched gable roof of 1031 Light St. has a two-tier brick cornice. The remodeled shed roof of 1033 Light St. has a stamped sheet metal cornice consisting of a deeply projecting crown molding set above a row of dentils and a frieze area decorated with molding strips. Two end brackets, the upper edges of which terminate in plain, rounded "anthemions," frame and support the cornice. 1031 Light St. has a double hooded chimney located on the south side of both the front and rear roof gables. 1033 Light St. has a hooded rear end chimney located at the east end of the rear addition.

All of the window openings have splayed brick lintels and brick header sills. All of the window openings are filled with 1/1 double hung sash. The first floor areas of both houses have been converted into store-fronts. At 1031 Light St. the entire store-front area is covered with artificial wood siding. The store-front is part of a combined store-front with 1029 Light St. and the entrance is located in the southernmost bay of 1029 Light St. There is a new multi-light window located in the center of the first floor facade of 1031 Light St. A shed roof covered with modern asbestos shingles extends across the entire width of the combined store-fronts. At 1033 Light St. a glass and aluminum door is located in the southernmost bay, set beneath a single light transom and flanked by a deep plate glass shop window set on a brick base. A deep wood panel, with applied molding strips, extends across the entire width of the store-front, flaring slightly outward. The entrance is reached by one stone step. An arched alleyway runs back between the two houses.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**8 SIGNIFICANCE****PERIOD****AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW**

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<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES 1855-57

BUILDER/ARCHITECT Samuel Vanhorn

**STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE**

This pair of houses is representative of a large group of such three story, gable roofed houses built in the 1840's and 1850's in this central section of Federal Hill to accomodate the rising number of middle-class residents in the area--men who owned small businesses or who had prospered at the local shipbuilding and glass-making trades. The houses have since been turned into combination residential/commercial properties, with the first floor area serving as a store-front and the upper floors serving as residences.

The houses were built by Samuel Vanhorn, a local carpenter who lived at 1015 Light St., or James Hodges, a wood dealer. The first owner-occupant of 1031 Light St. was a Buff Tall, who owned the B.W. Tall & Co. tobacco shop on W. Baltimore St., and lived here during the 1860's.<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Baltimore City Land Records, Liber ED 91, Folio 373; ED 51, Folio 346; GES 236, Folio 231; Baltimore City Directory, 1856-57, 1867

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

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**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 14'4" x 75' (1031); 14'6" x 75' (1033)**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

M.E. Hayward / Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Maryland Historical Trust / Struever Bros. & Eccles

DATE

5/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

1745 Circle Rd.

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Ruxton

STATE

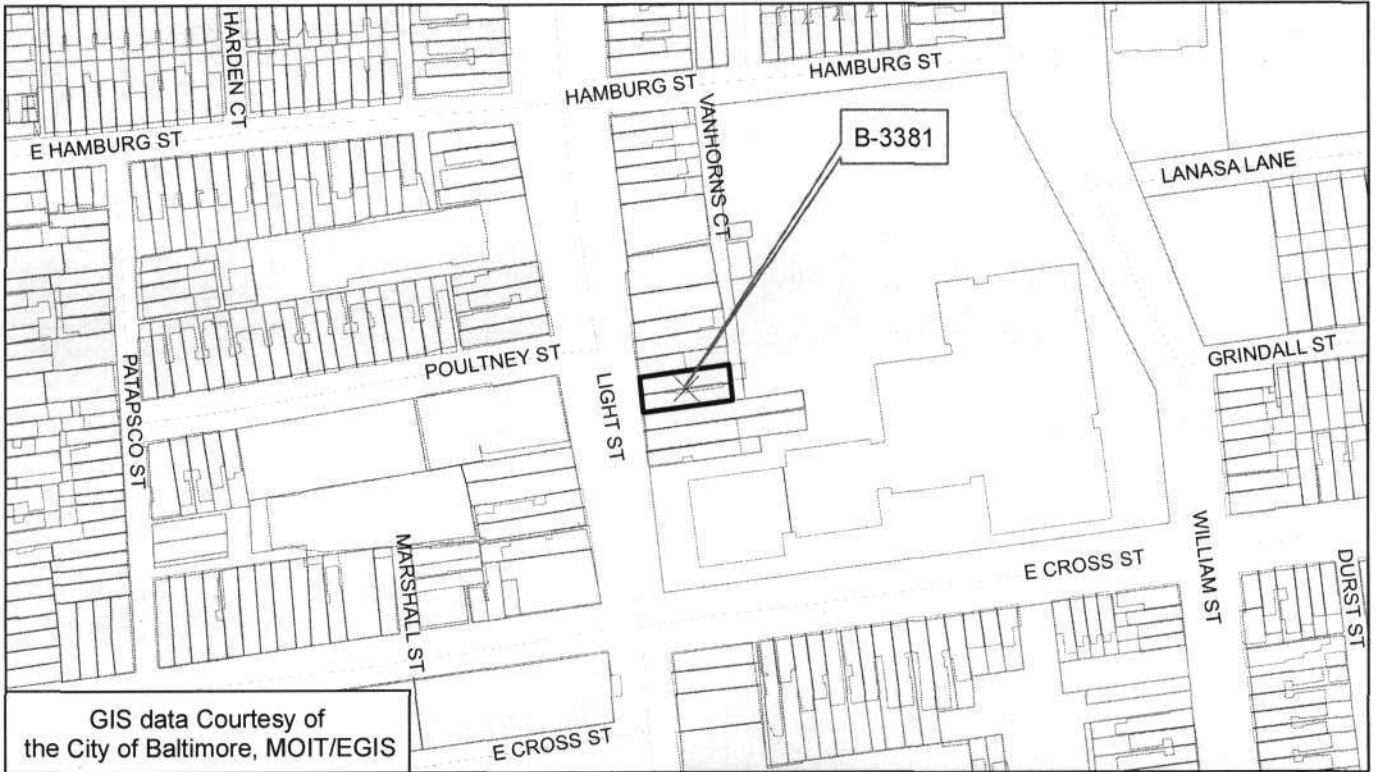
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Baltimore City  
Baltimore East Quad.





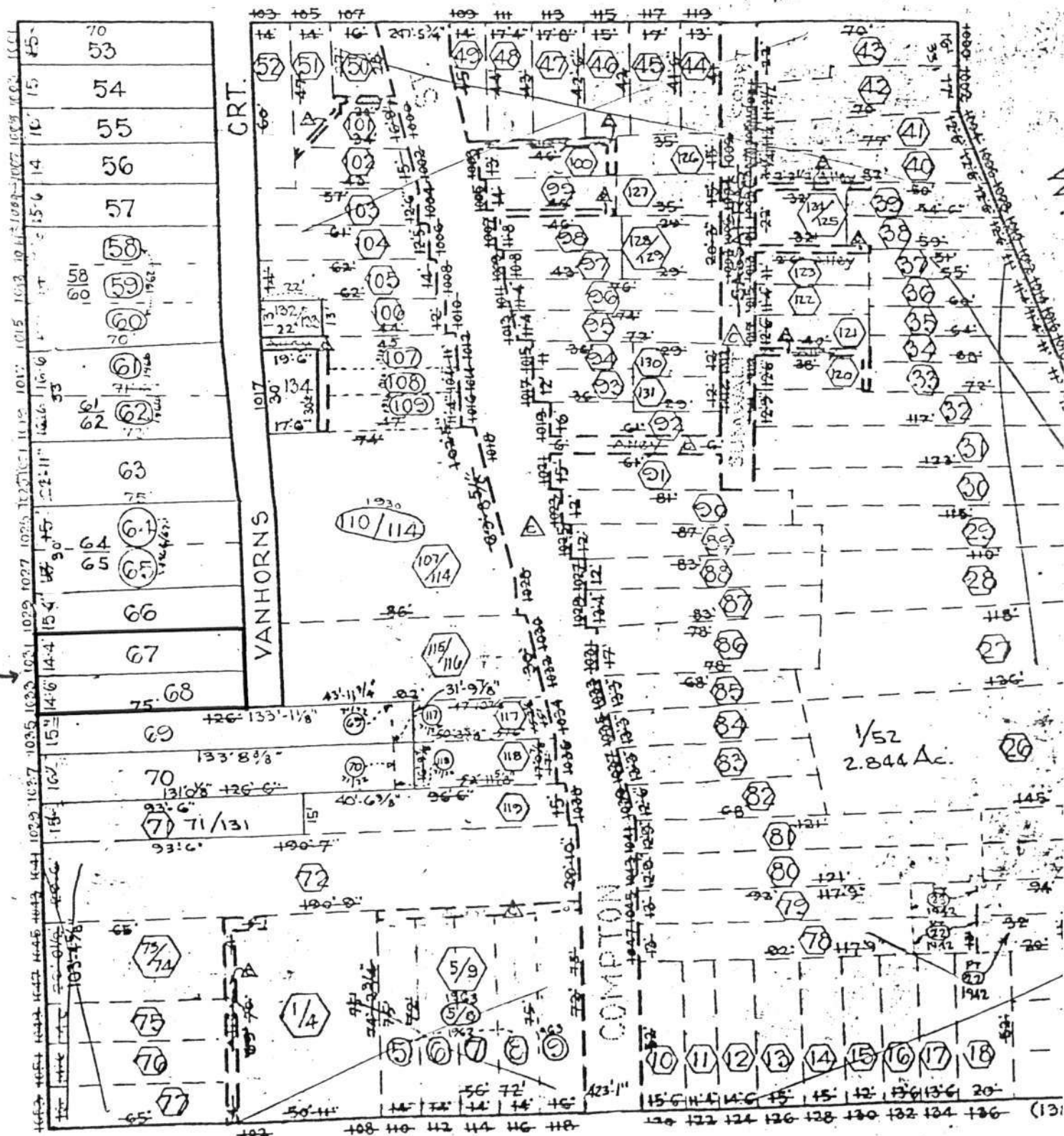
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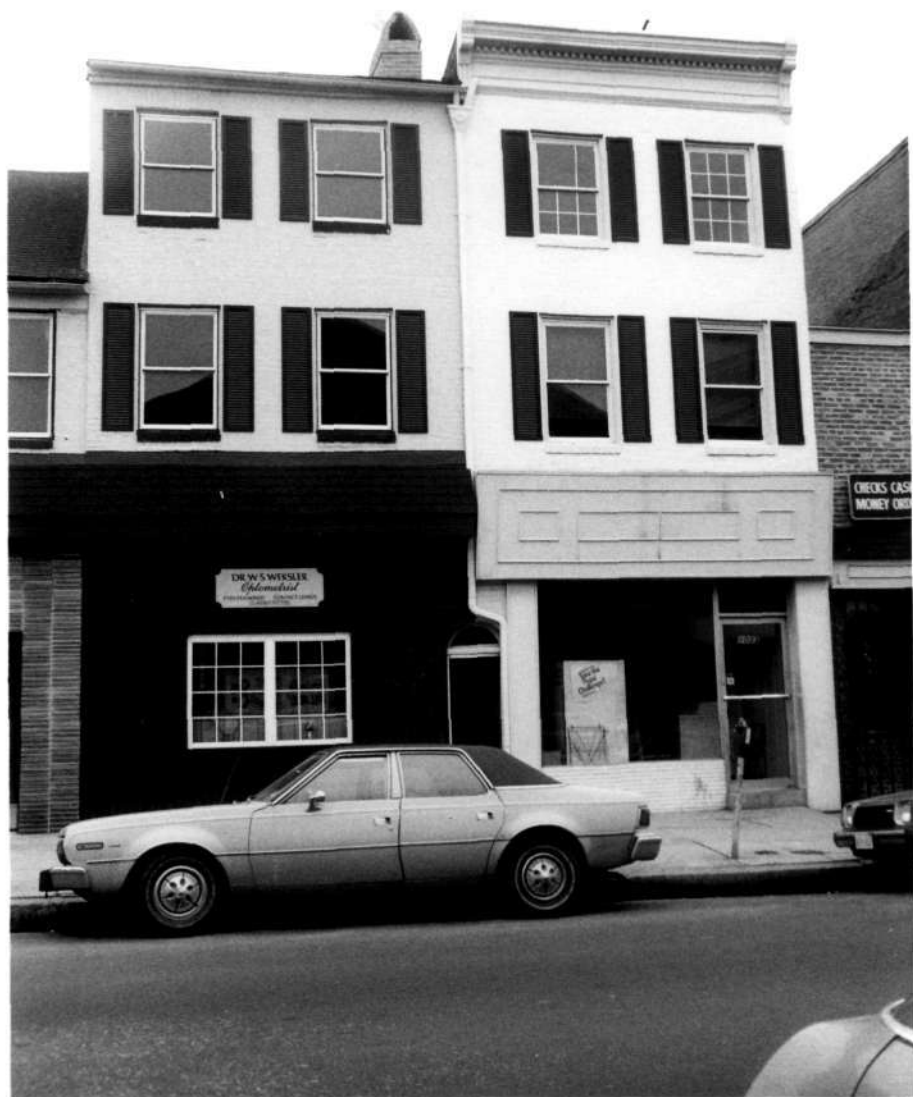
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West elevation

1031-1033 Light St.  
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